

The Write Stuff

Vocabulary

All the words in this lesson contain the Latin root *scrib* (spelled *scrib* or *script*), which means "write."

ascribe (uh SKRYB) V. to assign to a supposed cause or source (*Scientists ascribe the flu outbreak to a previously unknown virus.*)

circumscribe (SUR kuhm SKRYB) V. to draw a line around (*On your survey map, circumscribe your property in red ink.*)

describe (di SKRYB) V. to speak or write about in detail; to picture with words (*Her lawyer asked Jessie to describe how the accident happened.*)

indescribable (in di SKRY buh buhl) ADJ. unable to be put into words. (*My joy at winning a full scholarship was indescribable.*)

inscribe (in SKRYB) V. to write, print, or engrave on (*Students often inscribe messages in each other's yearbooks.*)

inscription (in SKRIP shuhn) N. that which is written, printed, or engraved (*Reading an inscription on an old photo is often amusing.*)

manuscript (MAN yuh SKRIPT) N. a document written by hand or typed, rather than printed (*An original manuscript by Shakespeare would be very valuable.*)

postscript (POHST SKRIPT) N. a note added to a letter after it has been signed (*In his postscript, Kevin wished Marta a happy birthday.*)

prescribe (pri SKRYB) V. to tell what to do or give directions (*Patients would be wise to do what their doctors prescribe.*)

prescription (pri SKRIP shuhn) N. an order or instruction; especially a doctor's written order for using a drug (*The prescription can be filled at the drugstore down the street.*)

proscribe (proh SKRYB) V. to forbid as wrong or dangerous; to condemn (*School regulations proscribe destroying school property.*)

scribble (SKRIB uhl) V. to write hurriedly or carelessly, without regard for legibility, grammar, or thought (*It is all right to scribble in a diary but not on a test!*)

scribe (skryb) N. a writer or clerk; one who copies manuscripts (*In ancient days, a scribe was responsible for copying all written documents.*)

script (skript) N. the written text of a play, movie, or television or radio broadcast (*Each actor in the play had a copy of the script.*)

scriptures (SKRIP churz) N. sacred or religious writings that are regarded as authoritative (*The Dead Sea Scrolls are recently discovered scriptures.*)

subscribe (suhb SKRYB) V. to pledge to give money; to pay for a publication or service for a period of time (*We subscribe to the community fund each year.*)

subscript (SUHB SKRIPT) N. a number, letter, or symbol written below and to one side of a character (*In the scientific notation for water, H₂O, the 2 is a subscript.*)

subscription (suhb SKRIP shuhn) N. contribution; a purchase of a publication or service by prepaying a sum (*Our newspaper subscription is for a full year.*)

superscript (SOO pur SKRIPT) N. a number, letter, or symbol written above and to one side of a character (*A superscript is often used to show exponents in algebraic equations.*)

transcript (TRAN SKRIPT) N. a written or typewritten copy of something (*You must include a transcript of your high school record with each college application.*)